

| <i>Sl. No.</i> | <i>District</i> | <i>No. of Gram Panchayats with telephone facility as on 30.11.91.</i> |
|----------------|-----------------|---|
| 34. | Sagar | 138 |
| 35. | Sarguja | 99 |
| 36. | Satna | 93 |
| 37. | Sehore | 77 |
| 38. | Seoni | 100 |
| 39. | Shahdol | 108 |
| 40. | Shajapur | 125 |
| 41. | Shivpuri | 111 |
| 42. | Sidhi | 60 |
| 43. | Tikamgarh | 70 |
| 44. | Ujjain | 114 |
| 45. | Vidisha | 78 |
| Total | | 4812 |

Urja Gram Yojana in Orissa

3950. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether villages of district Cuttack in Orissa have been taken under Urja Gram Yojana by the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. An

Urjagram project was taken up in March 1991 through the State nodal agency, namely Orissa Renewable Energy Development Agency (OREDA) in village Baanda in Block Tangi-Choudwar of Cuttack district. Non-Conventional energy systems and devices installed under the project include improved chulhas; family size biogas plants; solar stills; solar photovoltaic street lights, domestic lights, television and pumps.

[English]

Telecom Projects in Eighth Plan

3951. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Telecom Projects proposed to be undertaken during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the allotment of such new Telecom Projects to respective States/Regions and in particular Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether there is any rationale or ratio of population/subscriber for allotment of new telecom projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The projects undertaken by the Dept. of Telecom relate to the growth of the network. Accordingly, during the 8th Plan period it has been proposed

to add an additional 75 lakh new telephone connections. It is also proposed to provide national subscriber dialling facility to each exchange. Accordingly, transmission projects will also be undertaken to provide necessary connectivity.

(b) The circlewise draft proposals for new Telecom Projects are available of network viz.

(c) and (d) The rationale used is the objective laid down for equitable growth of network viz.

- to provide telephone connections practically on demand in rural tribal areas

- waiting period not to exceed two years in large systems.

STATEMENT

Circlewise Draft Commissioning Programme (1992-97) of Switching Capacity and New Telephone Connections

| <i>S.No.</i> | <i>Name of the Circle</i> | <i>Net Switching Capacity</i> | <i>DEL's</i> |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 648284 | 514300 |
| 2. | Assam | 74547 | 59100 |
| 3. | Bihar | 127368 | 101000 |
| 4. | Gujarat | 794586 | 630400 |
| 5. | Haryana | 290612 | 230600 |
| 6. | Himachal Pradesh | 71110 | 56400 |
| 7 | J & K | 53214 | 42300 |
| 8. | Karnataka | 599556 | 475700 |
| 9. | Kerala | 492341 | 390600 |
| 10. | Madhya Pradesh | 402767 | 319600 |